

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the indicated paragraphs 0013 and 0026 with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] Figure 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D show embodiments of a stent according to the present invention.

[0026] Figures 3A and 3B show two embodiments of stents according to the present invention, both having a single helical configuration. Figure 3A shows a stent with a ribbon-like configuration, while the stent in Figure 3B has a wire-like configuration. In addition to single helices, double- (Figure 3C, helices 30c and 30d), triple- (Figure 3D, helices 30e, 30f and 30g) and multiple-helix configurations are also possible. The stents according to the present invention can be manufactured by, for example, laser cutting, casting or extruding and can also be manufactured in multiple sub-section pieces.